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SUBJ: ECONCOM XI-DRAFT OHIRA REMARKS ON MTN

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN JULY 13 NIHON KEIZAI. ACCORDING TO FONOFF, IT REPRESENTS DRAFT OF REMARKS PREPARED BY FONOFF FOR FONMIN OHIRA TO LEAD OFF DISCUSSIONS ON MTN. TEXT APPARENTLY LEAKED BY "ANOTHER MINISTRY." SINCE OHIRA HAD NOT SEEN TEXT, IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED OUTLINE OF GOJ VIEWS RATHER THAN EXACT TEXT OF REMARKS OHIRA WILL MAKE. END SUMMARY.

BEGIN TEXT: THE FULL TEXT OF THE SPEECH TO BE MADE BY FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA ON THE BASIC POLICY TO BE TAKEN BY OUR COUNTRY TOWARD THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ROUND, AT THE 9TH MEETING OF THE JOINT U.S. - JAPAN COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. OUR COUNTRY CONSIDERS THAT THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL ROUND IS DECISIVELY IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY AND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTRY'S ECONOMY, FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE MAINTENANCE AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THE FREE TRADE STRUCTURE, AND OUR COUNTRY INTENDS TO TAKE PART IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH STRONG DETERMINATION AND ENTHUSIASM.

2. NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED, BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF RECIPROCITY AND MUTUAL COMMITMENTS AND OVER-ALL RECIPROCITY. WE CONSIDER THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL TAKE UP TARIFFS, NON-TARIFF MEASURES AND OTHER MEASURES WHICH OBSTRUCT TRADE AS SUBJECT MATTERS, AND THAT THEY WILL COVER BOTH INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING TROPICAL PRODUCTS. AS REGARDS TARIFFS, THE LONG-TERMED GOAL SHOULD BE SET ON ABOLITION, AND EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR THEIR VIRTUAL REDUCTION, WITH AN EYE TO THIS GOAL.

3. NOT ONLY IN REGARD TO TARIFFS ALONE, BUT ALSO IN REGARD TO NON-TARIFF MEASURES, EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO LIGHTEN OR ABOLISH, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, THE OBSTACLES TO TRADE FROM THESE MEASURES. IN REGARD TO TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR ITS STEADY EXPANSION. UNDER STABLE MARKET CONDITIONS, WHILE PAYING ATTENTION TO THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, WITHIN THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. WE CONSIDER THAT SAFEGUARDS WILL BE STUDIES FROM THE PURPORT OF ENDEAVORING FOR THE STILL GREATER PROMOTION OF TRADE LIBERALIZATION AND FOR THE SECURING OF ITS EFFECTS. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS, I WISH TO SET FORTH OUR COUNTRY'S VIEWS CONCERNING THE RE-STUDY OF VARIOUS GATT ARTICLES. FIRST, OUR COUNTRY THINKS THAT RULES WHICH HAVE BEEN INTERNATIONALLY AGREED UPON MUST BE OBSERVED. HOWEVER, IN THE CASE OF THE NEED FOR REVIEWING SOME SPECIFIC GATT CLAUSES, ACCOMPANYING THE PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, BEING RECOGNIZED, OUR COUNTRY IS PREPARED TO CONDUCT SUCH REVIEW. HOWEVER, EVEN IN THE CASE OF CONDUCTING A REVIEW, THE PURPOSE AND THE PRINCIPLE OF THE GATT SYSTEM ITSELF MUST BE UPHELD.

5. NEXT, WE WISH TO CONSIDER THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TRADE QUESTION AND THE CURRENCY QUESTION. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THESE TWO QUESTIONS ARE VIRTUALLY CLOSELY INTERRELATED, AND OUR COUNTRY THINKS IT DESIRABLE FOR THE TWO SETS OF NEGOTIATIONS TO BE PROMOTED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARALLEL WITH EACH OTHER. HOWEVER, OUR COUNTRY CANNOT SUPPORT THE IDEA OF LINKING TOGETHER THESE TWO FIELDS, AND AS THE PLACES FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE SEPARATE, OUR COUNTRY THINKS THAT, AS THE WAY FOR THE PROMOTION OF NEGOTIATIONS, THEY SHOULD BE HANDLED SEPARATELY. HOWEVER, IN THE LIGHT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A STABLE CURRENCY SYSTEM FOR THE EXPANSION OF TRADE, OUR COUNTRY HOPES THAT THE CURRENCY QUESTION WILL BE SETTLED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE, AND IT ALSO THINKS

THAT IN THE CONDUCTING OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND IN THE IMPLEMENTING OF THE OUTCOME OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS, THE STATE OF PROGRESS OF THE CURRENCY QUESTION SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO PROPER CONSIDERATION.

6. IN THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS, IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE, AFTERALL, FOR THE U.S., THE EC AND OUR COUNTRY TO MAKE EFFORTS FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, IN CO-OPERATION WITH EACH OTHER. IN REGARD TO THIS POINT, THE U.S. SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR A TRADE REFORM BILL, AND THIS IS NOW BEING DELIBERATED ON AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. HOWEVER, IT IS RPORTED THAT THERE ARE PROSPECTS OF THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL BEING DELAYED, DUE TO HOUSE AYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MILLS BECOMING ILL. OUR COUNTRY IS HOPING FOR THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE, EVEN FOR THE EARLY STARTING OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

7. THE EC DECIDED ON ITS BASIC ATTITUDE TOWARD THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ROUND AT ITS DIRECTORS MEETING IN JUNE. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SOME POINTS IN REGARDS TO TARIFFS, AGRICULTURE AND SAFEGUARDS, ON WHICH OUR COUNTRY'S VIEWS DIFFER FROM THOSE OF THE EC, IT CONSIDERS THAT THE EC'S CONSOLIDATING ITS PREPARATIONS FOR THE STARTING OF THE NEGOTIATIONS MEANS AN IMPORTANT FORWARD STEP FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ROUND, AND OUR COUNTRY DULY APPRECIATES THIS.

8. A GATT MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IS SLATED TO BE HELD IN TOKYO IN SEPTEMBER, AND THE WORK OF DRAFTING THE TOKYO DECLARATION IS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT AT THE GATT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOW BEING HELD IN GENEVA. OUR COUNTRY CONSIDERS THAT, IN STARTING NEGOTIATIONS AT THE TOKYO CONFERENCE, IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS TO DECLARE THE POLITICAL INTENTIONS CLEARLY, IN THE FORM OF A TOKYO DECLARATION. END TEXT.

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